



# Merrick County Board Minutes



## **May 24, 2016**

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, May 24, 2016 at 9:16 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Graves, Kucera, Weller, Kreachbaum, Carlson and Wiegert present. Helgoth was absent. Deputy County Attorney Kunz was also present.

Notice of the meeting was given thereof by publications in the Republican Nonpareil and The Palmer Journal and on the Merrick County website. Proof of publication is filed in the Clerk's Office. Copies of the agenda were mailed to each Supervisor and kept current and available to the public at the County Clerk's Office.

Chairman Wiegert declared the meeting was preceded by publicized notice and having acknowledged and identified the location of the posting of the current copy of the Open Meetings Act, called the meeting to order and in open session at 9:16 a.m.

Moved Graves, second Weller to convene as Board of Supervisors at 9:16 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**Agenda:** Moved Kucera, second Kreachbaum to approve the agenda as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**Minutes:** Moved Weller, second Carlson to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2016 minutes as published. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**Meeting reports:** Carlson and Wiegert attended a 4H Building meeting on May 16, 2016; Graves attend a NIRMA meeting and a hospital meeting; Weller attended the Central District Health meeting and the Bader Park Meeting and Kreachbaum attended the Mid Plains Behavioral meeting in Grand Island and the Local Emergency Management meeting.

**Official reports:** Veteran Service Officer Berry and Sheriff Westman gave updates on their offices to the Board.

**Hospital update:** Julie Murray gave a hospital update to the Board.

**Midland Area on Aging:** Sandy Stevens us Midland Area on Aging gave the Board an update and presented their 2016-2017 budget request of \$6,002.00 which is the same as last year.

**NE Department of Roads:** Wesley Wahlgren and Jerry Groom from the NE Department of Roads and Allen with Vontz discussed the detours and road work that is being done on Highway 92. They explained some of the environmental work they have to do and also explained that the weather has put them behind.

**County roads:** Several tax payers that live and farm north of Ormsby Road in Prairie Creek, Loup and Midland Township came before the Board to discuss the conditions of the county roads. Roger Hanke and John Kellogg brought pictures of roads such as "P" Road and Elm Creek Road. They the tax payers want something done. This is not a detour issue because it has been going on for four to five years and if something doesn't get done they will be back. They will work with the Highway Superintendent but these roads need to be maintained and have gravel applied.

**Special designated liquor license:** Moved Kucera, second Weller to approve the Special Designated Liquor License for Nitecrawler Bar & Grill, Worms, NE for a barbeque cook off fundraiser on Saturday, June 25, 2016 at the Nitecrawler Bar & Grill. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**Fees for the new 4H Building:** Suggested rental rates were handed out to the Board and they will discuss this further at their next board meeting.

**Old AS400:** Moved Kucera, second Weller to surplus the County's old AS400 system. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**Region III:** Region III Behavioral Health's county match request for 2016-2017 was presented to the Board for \$19,911.83 which is an increase of \$3,780.16 from last year.

**2016-2017 budget:** Moved Kreachbaum, second Carlson for 2% increases on wages and 1% increase on expenses for all budgets for the officials for fiscal year 2016-2017. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**April 2016 fees:** Moved Kucera, second Graves to approve the April 2016 fees from the Sheriff, Clerk of District Court, and County Clerk. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**May 2016 payroll:** Moved Kreachbaum, second Graves to approve the May 2016 payroll as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes. General: Gross: \$109,831.71 Net: \$75,011.59 Roads: Gross: \$44,202.42 Net: \$30,890.99 Juvenile Diversion: Gross: \$3,059.00 Net: \$2,098.33.

**Adjourn:** Moved Kreachbaum, second Kucera to adjourn at 12:24 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/Marcia Wichmann, County Clerk